Development of Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir

3778. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a lift chair is being proposed from Darmi Dhar Fort to Larri-Madan and from Larri-MuJan to Chhechehra-Hills around Rajouri town;

(b) whether Government would ask for such a proposal for approval from Government of Jammu and Kashmir for extending Centrally sponsored scheme to the State for Tourism Development; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have informed the Central Government that the State Government have no proposal to install the lift-chair around Rajouri town.

(b) and (c) Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India in consultation with the States/UTs extends financial assistance every year to them for projects identified depending upon their *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

Development of tourism in Rajasthan

3779. SHRI SANTOSH BAGROETIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals sent by Government of Rajasthan for development of tourism and the total amount sought for this purpose from the Central Government; and

(b) the total amount to be provided by the Central Government in order to implement these proposals and by when?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism, Government of India provides financial assistance to States/UTs